

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TGS&A COMMITTEE

February 6, 2006

Call to Order: With seven out of 10 members present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

Present: Joseph R. Warren, (Chairman) Mark R. Adiletta, Simon Y. Balian, John K. Bosee, S. Lloyd Plehaty, Vickie Riccardo, and Joseph R. Warren, Jr.
Absent: Eugene F. Coyle, Davin J. Gerbauer, and Bohdana Puzyk.

Acceptance of the Agenda: The Agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 9, 2006 were accepted with amendments.

CHARTER REVISION: The Chairman gave an update on the revision of the Charter sections relating to purchasing practices. The Committee decided to have a public hearing at the March meeting and submit a proposal to the RTM's March meeting. Thereafter, he invited the Chairman of the Board of Finance, Peter Hovell, to discuss the proposed changes to the Charter's purchasing practices.

Mr. Hovell explained that purchasing practices in the town are outdated and inefficient and that the proposed changes are long overdue. However, he expressed concern about the draft prepared by the TGS&A Committee in 2004 as being unclear and inadequate and suggested re-writing it completely. He offered to have the Board of Finance's input into the drafting of the proposed changes.

Following a discussion of the matter, the Committee agreed that the proposed amendments should pursue the objective of streamlining the Charter by taking the specifics out of it and relegating them to rules and ordinances. Additionally, the changes to the purchasing practices should make the process more flexible and efficient to ensure the town is getting the best value.

In order to meet the publication of Notice requirement of the Charter, Chairman Warren and Mr. Adiletta will prepare a new draft of the proposed changes to the Charter and review it with the Board of Finance. The new draft will be sent to the Clerk for publication.

The Charter Amendment will be accompanied by amendments to the supporting ordinances and regulations.

PARKS: The Chairman reported to the Committee of what had transpired since the last meeting. The police had raised the issue of "fines" associated with the proposed rules and

regulations. The Parks and Recreation Commission has not yet addressed the proposed issue and has a full agenda for the next meeting. The RTM's Parks & Recreation Committee also has not discussed the proposed changes.

The Committee agreed to defer action and give the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as the RTM's Parks & Recreation Committee reasonable time to act. If no action is taken within a reasonable time, TGS&A will proceed with making the proposed changes and submitting to the RTM.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:10 pm.

Recorded by:

/S/ Simon Y. Balian
Clerk